Statement

List of Commodities Currently Permitted for Future Trading Pepper
(Domestic and international) Turmeric Castorseed
Castor Oil (International) Gur
Potato Hession Sacking Cotton
Coffee Kapas
Soyabean, its oil & oil cake Rapeseed/Mustardseed, its oil & oil cake Groundnut, its oil & oil cake Sunflower, its oil & oil cake Cottonseed, its oil & oil cake Copra /Coconut, its oil & oil cake Rice bran, its oil & oil cake Sesamum, its oil & oil cake Safflowerseed, its oil & oil cake RBD Palmolein
Sugar and Tea.

Free Distribution of Foodgrains to BPL Families

†2679. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH LALAN':

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains produced in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(b) the up date position of foodgrains stock with Food Corporation

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

of India and out of which the quantity of foodgrains likely to be perished;

(c) the details of the quantity of offtake of foodgrains by the States under Public Distribution System during the last three years;

(d) whether Government have framed a policy to distribute the foodgrains free to the people living below the poverty line; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The quantity of foodgrains (wheat and rice) produced in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 is as follows:

(In million tonnes)

1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
196.39	185.25	196.02

(b) FCI has 296.06 lakh MTs of foodgrains as on 28.2.2002, out of which 2.0 lakh M.Ts is perished which is only 0.67% of the total foodgrains.

(c) State-wise offtake of foodgrains (Rice & Wheat) under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for the last three years i.e. 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 (upto February, 2002) is given in Annexure *(See* Appendix 195, Annexure No. 28).

(d) and (e) No, Sir. Presently there is no proposal under consideration with the Government to distribute the foodgrains free to people living below the poverty line for catering to the poorest of the poor. The Government is already implementing the Antyodaya Anna Yojana and other schemes as indicated in statement.

Statement

Details of schemes for distribution of foodgrains to the BPL people

To meet the need of the poorest segment of the society who do not have the purchasing power to purchase foodgrains even at the

subsidized BPL rates, under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Government of India provides 35 kg. of foodgrains to each identified family per month @ Rs. *V*- per Kg. for wheat and Rs. 3/- per Kg. of rice which amount to 23% of the economic cost in respect of wheat and 25% of economic cost in respect of rice.

Keeping in view their purchasing power, option has been given to such families to buy foodgrains from Fair Price Shops on weekly bases.

Government of India is also providing 10 Kgs. of foodgrains per person, per month completely free of cost to oldage persons who are destitutes and does not receive any pension.

Government of India also supplies foodgrains at BPL rates to beggar homes, Nari Niketans, Old age homes and orphanages etc. These Institutions are funded by both Central Government and State Governments.

Distribution of Items of Daily use through Fair Price Shops

2680. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to introduce a scheme for regular distribution of 11 items of daily use through Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, the items which are proposed to be distributed under the scheme;

(c) if not, by when the food items would be distributed through FPSs;

(d) whether these items would be distributed to all families both APL and BPL; and

(e) the amount sanctioned and spent, if any, under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) to (d) The Government of